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Tenth session
New York, 6-17 January 1997
Agenda item 2

PREPARATION FOR THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

Draft decision submitted by the Chairman of Working Group II

Organization of the Work Committee on Science and Technology

The Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee,

Taking note of the report contained in document A/AC.241/66,

Recalling the provisions of article 24, paragraphs 2 and 3, of the Convention relating to the establishment and maintenance of a roster of independent experts with expertise and experience in the relevant fields, and to the qualifications of such experts of ad hoc panels which may be appointed by the Conference of the Parties,

Recalling further the provisions of the recommendation of the Committee to the Conference of the Parties, contained in decision 9/10, further elaborating on the qualifications of such experts,

1. Invites interested members of the Committee to contribute comments and views on subjects to be discussed at the first session of the Committee on Science and Technology, to be received by the interim secretariat before 17 March 1997;

2. Requests the interim secretariat, bearing in mind the comments made during the tenth session on document A/AC.241/66 and drawing on the comments

received pursuant to paragraph 1, to prepare an annotated agenda for the first session of the Committee on Science and Technology;

3. Invites Parties to submit in writing, through diplomatic channels, nominations of independent experts with expertise and experience in the relevant fields for the roster referred to in paragraph 2 of article 24 of the Convention, taking into account the need for a multidisciplinary approach, an appropriate gender balance and a broad and equitable geographic distribution;

4. Requests the interim secretariat to maintain the roster on behalf of the Conference of the Parties, and to submit a draft roster for approval by the first session of the Conference of the Parties after review by the Committee on Science and Technology.